

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

a) Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

A non-substantive change was made to Section 42-701.2(p)(3) to replace the phrase "pregnant person" with the phrase "pregnant woman" to align with the definition in Section 82-820.24.

A non-substantive change was made to Section 42-711.544 to replace "homework" with the phrase "homework time" to align with the definition in Section 42-701(h)(1).

The proposed regulations repeat and rephrase in whole and in part state statutes. This duplication is necessary to satisfy the "clarity" standard.

c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not on school districts. There are state mandated local costs that require reimbursement, which is provided in the Budget Act to cover any costs that local agencies may incur.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, the CDSS did not consider other alternatives because the department is legally bound to implement the provisions outlined in AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811.

The CDSS has determined that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

e) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

The CDSS has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made based on the fact that these regulations only apply to a small group of the CalWORKs program participants, who are a comparatively small part of the overall statewide population. If anything, this proposed action may beneficially affect some businesses, as the provision for diaper supportive service payments may increase the amount of money clients spend on diaper products.

i) Testimony and Response

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the public hearing held on September 3, 2019 in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimony was received during the 45-day comment period from July 19 to September 3, 2019.

j) 15-Day Renotice Statement

CDSS did not renote these regulations because no changes that required renote were made to the regulations following the public hearing.

k) Additional Information

This regulations package was originally submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on October 2019. During OAL's review, it was discovered that the Std. 399 was not properly filled out and that a new one was necessary and therefore, the file was withdrawn from OAL until a new Std. 399 was appropriately filled out and approved through the Department of Finance. During this time COVID-19 became an issue which prompted Governor Newsom to promulgate Executive Orders N-40-20 and N-66-20, both of which extended by 60 calendar days each, the one-year deadline for expiration of a Notice of Proposed Action.